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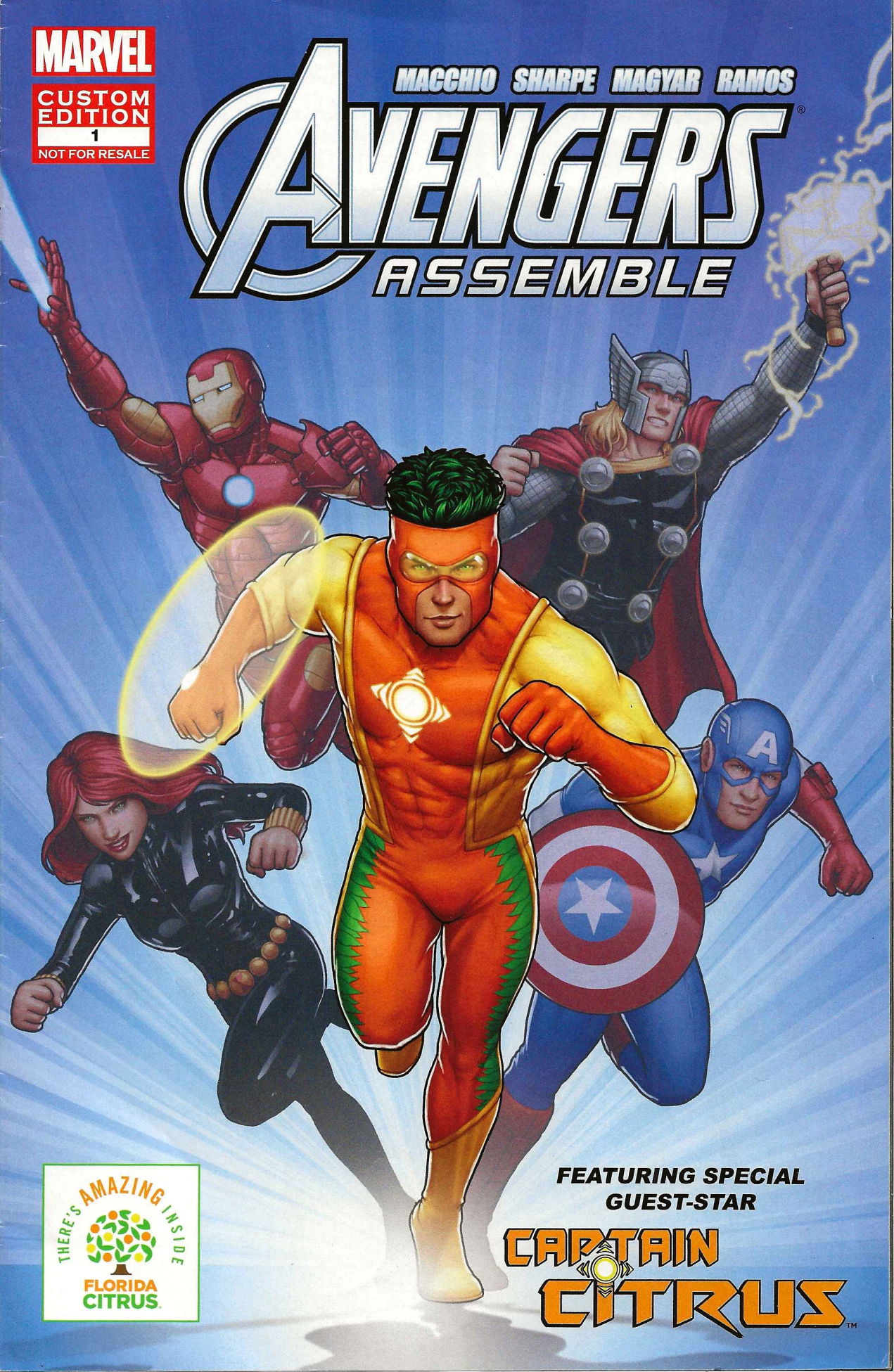


FEATURING SPECIAL GUEST-STAR

CAPTAIN CITRUS™

THERE'S AMAZING INSIDE

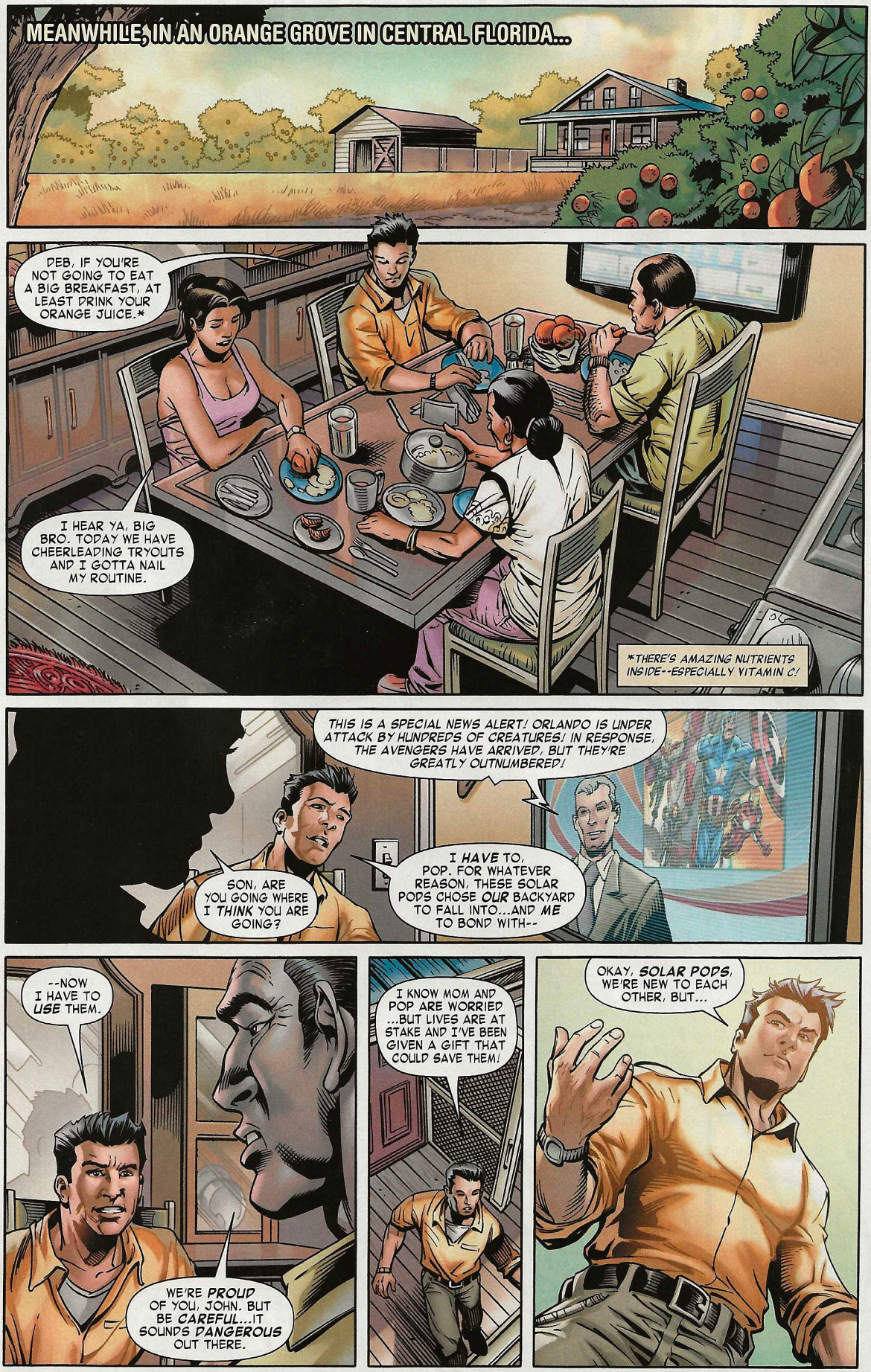
FLORIDA CITRUS

ORLANDO, FLORIDA, A CITY UNDER SIEGE...
THROOM
SKRASSHH
PLEASE... HELP US! THESE... THESE MONSTERS... THEY CAME OUT OF NOWHERE!
EVERYTHING LOOKS UNDER CONTROL TO ME, MA'AM.
YEAH. MOVE ALONG, PLEASE.
MOMMA, WHY AREN'T THE POLICE STOPPING THEM?
PETER, WE HAVE TO HIDE-- NO ONE'S COMING TO HELP!
KA-RAASSHH
OUR INTEL FROM S.H.I.E.L.D. WAS RIGHT, CAP...CHECK OUT THOSE FREAKS!
THEY'RE CALLED HUMANOIDS, TONY. DESPITE THEIR NAME, THEY'RE ACTUALLY ANDROIDS...AND AS DEADLY AS THEY COME.
THEY'RE NEARLY INVULNERABLE TO PHYSICAL ATTACK, SO OUR ONLY HOPE IS TO SCRAMBLE THEIR INTERNAL CIRCUITRY. OKAY, TEAM--

CAPTAIN AMERICA, SUPER-SOLDIER!
THOR, ASGARDIAN GOD OF THUNDER!
BLACK WIDOW, ESPIONAGE EXPERT!
--AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!
IRON MAN, HI-TECH KNIGHT!

KA-THOOM
COME, ARTIFICIAL ONES! ATTACK IN ENDLESS NUMBERS AS DID THE TROLLS IN ASGARD! YOU SHALL MEET THE SAME FATE AS THEM-- DEFEAT!
ZARK
PLEASE, PLEASE, NO AUTOGRAPHS!

CAP, DO YOU SEE WHERE THEY'RE COMING FROM?
FWING
K-TANG
NOT YET...BUT THE SOONER WE CUT OFF THEIR SUPPLY CHAIN, THE BETTER.


MEANWHILE, IN AN ORANGE GROVE IN CENTRAL FLORIDA...
DEB, IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO EAT A BIG BREAKFAST, AT LEAST DRINK YOUR ORANGE JUICE.*
I HEAR YA, BIG BRO. TODAY WE HAVE CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS AND I GOTTA NAIL MY ROUTINE.
*THERE'S AMAZING NUTRIENTS INSIDE--ESPECIALLY VITAMIN C!
THIS IS A SPECIAL NEWS ALERT! ORLANDO IS UNDER ATTACK BY HUNDREDS OF CREATURES! IN RESPONSE, THE AVENGERS HAVE ARRIVED, BUT THEY'RE GREATLY OUTNUMBERED!
SON, ARE YOU GOING WHERE I THINK YOU ARE GOING?
I HAVE TO, POP. FOR WHATEVER REASON, THESE SOLAR PODS CHOSE OUR BACKYARD TO FALL INTO...AND ME TO BOND WITH--
--NOW I HAVE TO USE THEM.
WE'RE PROUD OF YOU, JOHN. BUT BE CAREFUL...IT SOUNDS DANGEROUS OUT THERE.
I KNOW MOM AND POP ARE WORRIED ...BUT LIVES ARE AT STAKE AND I'VE BEEN GIVEN A GIFT THAT COULD SAVE THEM!
OKAY, SOLAR PODS, WE'RE NEW TO EACH OTHER, BUT...

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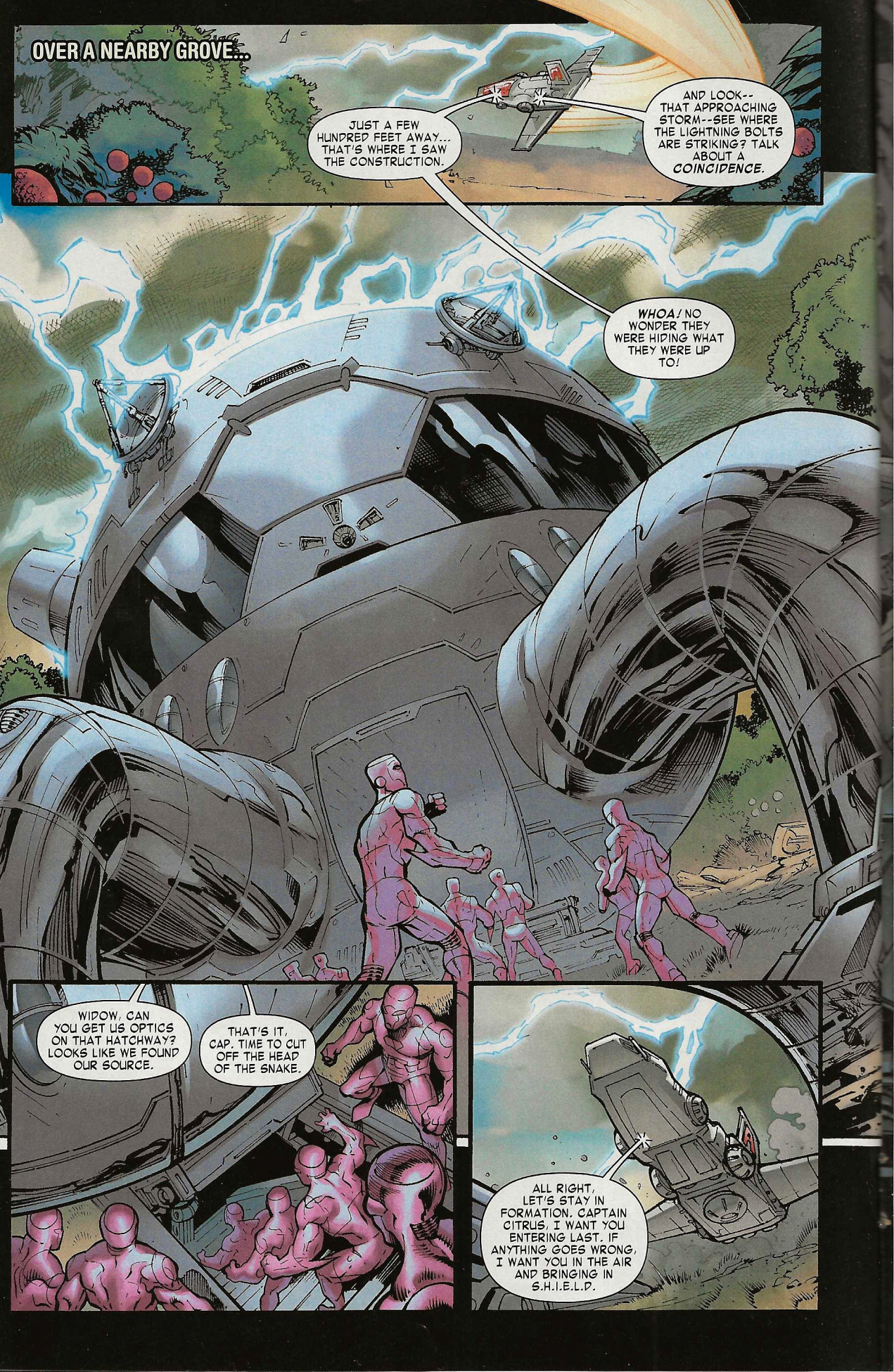
ORLANDO...
WE'RE TAKING OUT THIS FIRST WAVE, BUT MORE APPEAR IN THEIR PLACE!
KZAK
THANKS FOR THE ASSIST, IRON MAN!
ACTUALLY, THE NAME'S CAPTAIN CITRUS. NEED A HAND?
DEFINITELY. WHAT DID YOU SHOOT THEM WITH?
PURE FLORIDA SUNSHINE. BUT CHECK OUT MY...
...HARD LIGHT WEAPONS!
FWASH
YOU MAY HOLD THE KEY TO BRINGING DOWN THIS HORDE.
AVENGERS, FORM ON ME. A NEW PLAYER HAS ENTERED THE GAME... AND I THINK HE'S GOT THE POWER TO TIP THIS FIGHT TO OUR FAVOR.
WHO'S THE NEW GUY?
THIS IS CAPTAIN CITRUS. HE'S GOING TO FOCUS HIS SOLAR ENERGY THROUGH YOUR HAMMER, THOR. THEN I NEED YOU TO TRANSFER THAT INTO A WIDE-ARCING BEAM WHICH SHOULD FRY THE HUMANOIDS' CIRCUITS.

I'M PROJECTING ALL THE POWER I CAN, THOR. I HOPE I DON'T OVERLOAD YOUR HAMMER!
SHEEEING
YOU NEEDN'T WORRY, NEW FRIEND. MJOLNIR CAN CONTAIN ANY FORCE.
THIS SHOULD DO THE TRICK!
IF NOT, WE'VE GOT A LOOONG DAY OF ROBO-BASHING AHEAD OF US...AND YOU KNOW HOW I HATE TO HURT GOOD TECH.
THANKS AGAIN FOR THE HELP.
WE'RE NOT DONE YET. 'TIS A MYSTERY WHO SENT THESE INVADERS...AND WHY THE AUTHORITIES DIDN'T INTERVENE.
OFFICERS, NONE OF YOU LIFTED A FINGER TO HELP. WHAT HAPPENED?
I--I CAN'T EXPLAIN IT, CAPTAIN. I KNOW IT SOUNDS CRAZY, BUT AT THE TIME EVERYTHING LOOKED NORMAL.
IT MAY JUST BE A *COINCIDENCE*, BUT THE OTHER DAY I NOTICED A CLEARING IN A NEIGHBOR'S GROVE, LIKE THE BEGINNING OF A CONSTRUCTION PROJECT, BUT THE CENTER WAS COVERED BY A HUGE TARP.
I DON'T BELIEVE IN COINCIDENCES. LEAD THE WAY.


OVER A NEARBY GROVE...
JUST A FEW HUNDRED FEET AWAY... THAT'S WHERE I SAW THE CONSTRUCTION.
AND LOOK-- THAT APPROACHING STORM--SEE WHERE THE LIGHTNING BOLTS ARE STRIKING? TALK ABOUT A *COINCIDENCE.*
WHOA! NO WONDER THEY WERE HIDING WHAT THEY WERE UP TO!
WIDOW, CAN YOU GET US OPTICS ON THAT HATCHWAY? LOOKS LIKE WE FOUND OUR SOURCE.
THAT'S IT, CAP. TIME TO CUT OFF THE HEAD OF THE SNAKE.
ALL RIGHT, LET'S STAY IN FORMATION. CAPTAIN CITRUS, I WANT YOU ENTERING LAST. IF ANYTHING GOES WRONG, I WANT YOU IN THE AIR AND BRINGING IN S.H.I.E.L.D.

NOTHING SHALL BAR OUR PROGRESS TO THE TRUTH!
WREENKK
GREETINGS, AVENGERS. YOUR EFFORTS EARLIER IN REPELLING THE ATTACK OF MY ANDROIDS WAS IMPRESSIVE...
...YOUR QUICKNESS IN FINDING MY LAIR, LACKING.
WHY DID YOU ATTACK THE CITY? DO YOU REALIZE HOW MANY LIVES YOU PUT IN DANGER?
I HAVE A FEELING HE DOESN'T CARE ABOUT ANY OF THAT.
THE LEADER, GAMMA-ENHANCED EVIL GENIUS!
YOU ARE QUITE RIGHT. WHAT I DO CARE ABOUT IS THE CONQUEST OF EVERYONE WHO IS LESS INTELLIGENT THAN ME...WHICH INCLUDES ALL OF YOU!
FOUL WIZARD!
C-CAN'T MOVE!

SIMPLE TELEPATHY, MY FRIENDS...LITERALLY MIND OVER BODY! AND NOW THAT I HAVE A CAPTIVE AUDIENCE, I SHALL EXPLAIN WHAT IS OBVIOUSLY TOO COMPLICATED FOR YOUR FEEBLE BRAINS.
WHILE YOU MAY BE SATISFIED WITH YOUR LEVEL OF INTELLIGENCE, I ALWAYS CRAVE MORE. THUS I'VE CONSTRUCTED THE MACHINERY YOU SEE BEFORE YOU.
ADVANCED THOUGHT-CONTROL TECHNOLOGY WHICH DEMANDS FUEL FROM THE HEAVENS THEMSELVES! YES, ONLY RAW, UNTAPPED LIGHTNING--WHICH THIS REGION ATTRACTS ON AN UNMEASURABLE LEVEL--CAN POWER THIS...MY MENTAL MANIPULATOR!
AN UNFORTUNATE BYPRODUCT OF ITS OPERATION IS EXTREME COLD AND FROST, WHICH IS KILLING THE SURROUNDING ORANGE GROVES. PITY...BUT EVERY GREAT LEAP FORWARD HAS ITS PRICE.
MY CONTROL OVER THE LOCAL POLICE WAS JUST A TEST. NOW I WILL COMMAND THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF TO ORDER A MILITARY STRIKE AGAINST A NEUTRAL COUNTRY... AND THE WORLD WILL LEARN OF ITS NEW MASTER!
YOUR MADNESS STOPS HERE!
KRE-VI!
WHAT?! IN CLOSE QUARTERS, MY CONTROL OVER YOU SHOULD BE UNBREAKABLE!
MAYBE IT'S MY SOLAR PODS--MAYBE IT'S MY CONNECTION TO THESE GROVES--OR MAYBE YOU JUST REALLY TICKED ME OFF. EITHER WAY, YOU'RE GOING DOWN!
THEN LET ME MAKE YOU AN OFFER. YOU WILL DIE TRYING TO DESTROY MY MENTAL MANIPULATOR. DID YOU THINK I WOULD NOT ARM IT TO KILL ANY WHO DARE TAMPER WITH IT?
BUT IF YOU JOIN ME, TOGETHER WE CAN RULE THE WORLD! WITH MY MATCHLESS MENTAL MIGHT AND YOUR SOLAR-INDUCED POWER, THERE IS NOTHING WE COULD NOT ACCOMPLISH!
CHOOSE WISELY...LIFE OR DEATH!
JOIN YOU AND BETRAY MY FAMILY? THINK AGAIN, GENIUS!
NO ONE REFUSES ME! NO ONE!

SPAKKK
SPAKKK
MY SOLAR BEAMS...THEY'RE BOUNCING OFF!
THE LEADER WASN'T KIDDING WHEN HE SAID THE MENTAL MANIPULATOR COULD DEFEND ITSELF...BUT SO CAN I!
FWOOSHHH
SKRAKOOOMMM
MY ONLY CHANCE IS TO CUT OFF THE MACHINE'S POWER SOURCE.
GOTTA ABSORB THE LIGHTNING INTO MY PODS. NOT SURE WHAT IT'LL DO TO ME...BUT TOO MANY LIVES ARE AT STAKE!
KRA-KOOM
C-CAN'T TAKE MUCH MORE!
UNNHH...
RRMMMMMMMMMMMMM

YOU'RE FREE? THEN HE SUCCEEDED!
YOUR DAYS OF VILLAINY ARE AT AN END!
BUT DON'T CRY, YOU'LL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO BRUSH UP ON YOUR THOUGHT CONTROL... BEHIND BARS!
LIKE ALL OF YOUR KIND, WHEN YOUR SCHEMES ARE UNDONE, YOU FLEE! BUT THIS HAMMER I HOLD WILL NOT PERMIT YOUR ESCAPE!
HIDING BEHIND YOUR MINIONS WON'T WORK!
KTANG
OHHHH!
END OF THE LINE, LEADER!
PERHAPS SO...BUT AT WHAT COST? YOUR NEW ALLY SEEMS...STRANGELY QUIET.
UP HERE...THERE HE IS!
LOOK...THERE'S SOME INTERACTION OCCURRING BETWEEN THE PODS ON HIS WRISTS AND THE SOIL.
UNHH...
TIS A MIRACLE! HE LIVES!

WHAT HAPPENED?
THE FEEDBACK FROM THE LIGHTNING... IT KNOCKED ME FOR A LOOP. I SHOULD'VE BEEN A GONER, BUT FARMERS DOWN HERE...
...WELL, WE'RE STRONGER THAN ANYONE KNOWS.
AND YOU'VE SHOWN THAT THE EFFORTS OF ONE FREE PERSON CAN SAVE ALL OF HUMANITY FROM WOULD-BE DICTATORS.
I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE IN CIVILIAN LIFE, BUT I KNOW THOSE CLOSEST TO YOU WILL BE VERY PROUD.
I COULDN'T ASK FOR HIGHER PRAISE. THANK YOU, CAPTAIN.
ALL RIGHT, IT'S A WRAP. WE'VE GOT A BIG-HEADED PRISONER TO DELIVER TO THE NON-MIND-CONTROLLED AUTHORITIES.
WHAT A DAY...I MET THE AVENGERS, FOUGHT ONE OF THEIR WORST FOES, AND HELPED SAVE THE WORLD...
AND JUST THINK, IT ALL STARTED WITH A GLASS OF ORANGE JUICE!
THE END!